

1 **Individual and interactive effects of warming and CO₂ on *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* and**
2 ***Phaeocystis antarctica*, two dominant phytoplankton from the Ross Sea, Antarctica**

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8 **Abstract:** We investigated the effects of temperature and CO₂ variation on the growth and
9 elemental composition of cultures of the diatom *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* and the
10 prymnesiophyte *Phaeocystis antarctica*, two ecologically dominant phytoplankton species
11 isolated from the Ross Sea, Antarctica. To obtain thermal functional response curves, cultures
12 were grown across a range of temperatures from 0°C to 14°C. In addition, a co-culturing
13 experiment examined the relative abundance of both species at 0°C and 6°C. CO₂ functional
14 response curves were conducted from 100 to 1730 ppm at 2°C and 8°C to test for interactive
15 effects between the two variables. The growth of both phytoplankton was significantly affected
16 by temperature increase, but with different trends. Growth rates of *P. subcurvata* increased with
17 temperature from 0°C to maximum levels at 8°C, while the growth rates of *P. antarctica* only
18 increased from 0°C to 2°C. The maximum thermal limits of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica*
19 where growth stopped completely were 14°C and 10°C, respectively. Although *P. subcurvata*
20 outgrew *P. antarctica* at both temperatures in the co-incubation experiment, this happened much
21 faster at 6°C than at 0°C. For *P. subcurvata*, there was a significant interactive effect in which
22 the warmer temperature decreased the CO₂ half saturation constant for growth, but this was not
23 the case for *P. antarctica*. The growth rates of both species increased with CO₂ increases up to
24 425 ppm, and in contrast to significant effects of temperature, the effects of CO₂ increase on their
25 elemental composition were minimal. Our results suggest that future warming may be more

29 **1 Introduction**

30 Global temperature is predicted to increase 2.6°C to 4.8°C by 2100 with increasing
31 anthropogenic CO₂ emissions (IPCC, 2014). The temperature of the Southern Ocean has
32 increased even faster than global average temperature (Meredith and King, 2005), and predicted
33 future climate warming may profoundly change the ocean carbon cycle in this region (Sarmiento
34 et al., 1998). The Ross Sea, Antarctica, is one of the most productive area in the ocean, and
35 features annual austral spring and summer algal blooms dominated by *Phaeocystis* and diatoms
36 that contribute as much as 30% of total primary production in the Southern Ocean (Arrigo et al.,
37 1999, 2008; Smith et al., 2000, 2014a). The responses of phytoplankton in the Ross Sea to future
38 temperature change (Rose et al., 2009; Xu et al., 2014; Zhu et al., 2016) in combination with
39 intensified stratification (Sarmiento et al., 1998) could lead to intensified future diatom blooms
40 (Smith et al. 2014b), and the physiological effects of warming may partially compensate for a
41 lack of iron throughout much of this region (Hutchins and Boyd, 2016).

42 In the Ross Sea, the colonial prymnesiophyte *Phaeocystis antarctica* typically blooms in
43 austral spring and early summer, and diatoms including *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* and
44 *Chaetoceros* spp. bloom later in the austral summer (Arrigo et al., 1999, 2000; DiTullio and
45 Smith, 1996; Goffart et al., 2000; Rose et al., 2009). Both diatoms and *P. antarctica* play an
46 important role in anthropogenic CO₂ drawdown and the global carbon cycle; additionally, they
47 contribute significantly to the global silicon and sulfur cycles, respectively (Arrigo et al., 1999;
48 Tréguer et al., 1995; Schoemann et al., 2005). Furthermore, the N: P and C: P ratios of *P.*
49 *antarctica* are higher than those of diatoms, and thus they contribute unequally to the carbon,
50 nitrogen, and phosphorus cycles (Arrigo et al., 1999, 2000). Diatoms are preferred by many
51 planktonic herbivores over *P. antarctica*, and so the two groups also differentially influence the
52 food webs of the Southern Ocean (Knox, 1994; Caron et al., 2000; Haberman et al., 2003).

53 Arrigo et al. (1999) suggested that the spatial and temporal distributions of *P. antarctica*

56 dominant groups of phytoplankton. Smith and Jones (2015) presented evidence for the
57 importance of deep mixing and the critical depth for the timing of transitions from *P. antarctica*
58 to diatom blooms. Zhu et al. (2016) observed that a 4°C temperature increase promoted the
59 growth rates of several dominant diatoms isolated from Ross Sea, including *P. subcurvata*,
60 *Chaetoceros* sp., and *Fragilariopsis cylindrus*, but not the growth rates of *P. antarctica*. In
61 addition, both field and laboratory research has suggested that temperature increase and iron
62 addition can synergistically promote the growth of Ross Sea diatoms (Rose et al., 2009; Zhu et
63 al., 2016; Hutchins and Boyd, 2016). Thus, it is possible that phytoplankton community structure
64 in this region may change in the future under a global warming scenario.

65 In addition to temperature increases, ocean uptake of 30% of total emitted anthropogenic
66 CO₂ has led to a 0.1 pH unit decrease in surface water, corresponding to a 26% increase in
67 acidity (IPCC, 2014). The global CO₂ concentration is predicted to increase to around 800 ppm
68 by 2100, which will lead to a further decrease in surface seawater pH of 0.3–0.4 units (Orr et al.,
69 2005; IPCC, 2014). CO₂ increases have been found to promote the growth and affect the
70 physiology of many but not all phytoplankton species tested (Fu et al., 2007, 2008; King et al.,
71 2011; Xu et al., 2014; Hutchins and Fu 2017).

72 Research on the effects of CO₂ increases on *Phaeocystis antarctica* and Antarctic diatoms
73 is still scarce. Xu et al. (2014) suggested that future conditions (higher temperature, CO₂, and
74 irradiance) may shift phytoplankton community structure towards diatoms and away from *P.*
75 *antarctica* in the Ross Sea. Trimborn et al. (2013) discovered that the growth rates of *P.*
76 *antarctica* and *P. subcurvata* were not significantly promoted by high CO₂ relative to ambient
77 CO₂ at 3°C. In contrast, Wang et al. (2010) observed that the growth rates of the closely related
78 temperate colonial species *Phaeocystis globosa* increased significantly at 750 ppm CO₂ relative
79 to 380 ppm CO₂.

80 Many studies have shown that primary production in various parts of the Southern Ocean

83 and warming on the growth of phytoplankton from the Ross Sea (Rose et al., 2009; Zhu et al.,
84 2016; Hutchins and Boyd 2016). Thus, an important goal of phytoplankton research is to also
85 gain an understanding of how global warming together with ocean acidification may shift the
86 phytoplankton community in the Ross Sea (Arrigo et al., 1999; DiTullio et al., 2000). This study
87 aimed to explore the effects of increases in temperature and CO₂ availability, both individually
88 and in combination, on *P. antarctica* and *P. subcurvata* isolated from the Ross Sea, Antarctica.
89 These results may shed light on the potential effects of global change on the marine ecosystem
90 and the cycles of carbon and nutrients in the highly productive coastal polynyas of Antarctica.

91 92 **2 Materials and Methods**

93 **2.1 Strains and growth conditions**

94 *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* were isolated from the ice edge in McMurdo Sound
95 (77.62° S, 165.47° E) in the Ross Sea, Antarctica during January 2015; *P. antarctica* cultures
96 grew as small colonies (~4-12 cells) in all the experiments. All stock cultures were grown in
97 Aquil* medium (100 μmol L⁻¹ NO₃⁻, 100 μmol L⁻¹ SiO₄⁴⁻, 10 μmol L⁻¹ PO₄³⁻) made with 0.2 μM-
98 filtered seawater that was collected from the same Ross Sea locale as the culture isolates (Sunda
99 et al., 2005). Stock and experimental cultures were grown in Fe-replete Aquil medium (0.5 μM).
100 Although phytoplankton in the open Ross Sea polynya are generally proximately iron-limited
101 (Ryan-Keogh et al. 2017), these culture conditions are relevant to the coastal McMurdo Sound
102 ice edge environment in the early spring when Fe is relatively abundant, and typically not
103 limiting. This ‘winter reserve’ iron is then drawn down in this nearshore environment over the
104 course of the seasonal algal bloom to eventually reach limiting levels (Sedwick et al., 2011;
105 Bertrand et al., 2015). Our experiments address warming and acidification responses in *P.*
106 *subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* in the absence of any differential effects of Fe availability;
107 interactive effects of Fe limitation with warming and/or acidification in these two species are

111 For thermal functional response curves, experimental cultures of both phytoplankton
112 were grown in triplicate 500 ml acid washed polycarbonate bottles and gradually acclimated by a
113 series of step-wise transfers to a range of temperatures, including 0°C, 2°C, 4°C, 6°C, 8°C, and
114 10°C (*P. antarctica* died at 10°C) under the same light cycle as stock cultures. Cultures were
115 diluted semi-continuously following Zhu et al. (2016). All of the cultures were acclimated to
116 their respective temperatures for 8 weeks before the commencement of the experiment. At this
117 point, after the growth rates were verified to be stable for at least three to five consecutive
118 transfers, the cultures were sampled 48 h after dilution (Zhu et al., 2016).

119 For CO₂ functional response curves, *P. antarctica* and *P. subcurvata* were also grown in
120 triplicate in a series of six CO₂ concentrations from ~100 ppm to ~1730 ppm in triplicate 500 ml
121 acid washed polycarbonate bottles at both 2°C and 8°C using same dilution technique as above.
122 The CO₂ concentration was achieved by gently bubbling with 0.2 µm filtered air/CO₂ mixture
123 (Gilmore, CA) and carbonate system equilibration was ensured by pH and dissolved inorganic
124 carbon (DIC) measurements (King et al., 2015, see below).

125 An additional experiment tested whether temperature-related trends in growth rates
126 observed in monocultures were maintained when both species were grown together in a simple
127 model community. For this examination of thermal effects on the growth of *P. antarctica* and *P.*
128 *subcurvata* in co-culture (pre-acclimated to respective temperatures), the isolates were mixed at
129 equal Chl *a* (chlorophyll *a*) concentrations and grown together for 6 days in triplicate bottles at
130 both 0°C and 6°C. These temperatures chosen to span the optimum growth ranges of both
131 species (see Results, below). The relative abundance of each phytoplankton was then calculated
132 based on cell counts taken on days 0, 3 and 6.

133 **2.3 Growth rates**

134 Cell count samples were counted on a Sedgewick Rafter Grid using an Olympus BX51
135 microscope before and after dilution for each treatment. Samples that couldn't be counted

138 $\mu = (\ln N_1 - \ln N_0)/t,$ (1)

139 where N_0 and N_1 are the cell density at the beginning and end of a dilution period, respectively,
140 and t is the duration of the dilution period (Zhu et al. 2016). The Q_{10} of growth rates was
141 calculated following Chauvi-Berlinck et al. (2002) as Eq. (2):

142 $Q_{10} = (\mu_2/\mu_1)^{10/(T_2-T_1)},$ (2)

143 where μ_1 and μ_2 are the specific growth rates of the phytoplankton at temperatures T_1 and T_2 ,
144 respectively. The growth rates were fitted to Eq. (3) to estimate the thermal reaction norms of
145 each species:

146 $f(T) = ae^{bT}(1 - ((T-z)/(w/2))^2),$ (3)

147 where specific growth rate f depends on temperature (T), temperature niche width (w), and other
148 empirical parameters z , a , and b were estimated by maximum likelihood (Thomas et al., 2012;
149 Boyd et al., 2013). Afterwards, the optimum temperature for growth and maximum growth rate
150 were estimated by numerically maximizing the equation (Boyd et al., 2013). The growth rates of
151 all the species at all the CO_2 levels were fitted to Michaelis-Menten equation as Eq. (4):

152 $\mu = \mu_{\max} S/(K_m + S),$ (4)

153 to estimate maximum growth rates (μ_{\max}) and half saturation constants (K_m) for CO_2
154 concentration (S). In the CO_2 curve experiments growth rates for both these autotrophic species
155 were assumed to be zero at 0 ppm CO_2 , and in the thermal curve experiments growth rates were
156 assumed to be zero at $-2^\circ C$, approximately the freezing point of seawater.

157 **2.4 Elemental and Chl *a* analysis**

158 Culture samples for particulate organic carbon/nitrogen (POC/PON) and particulate
159 organic phosphorus (POP) analyses were filtered onto pre-combusted ($500^\circ C$ for 2 h) GF/F
160 filters and dried at $60^\circ C$ overnight. A 30 ml aliquot of *P. subcurvata* culture for each treatment
161 were filtered onto $2 \mu m$ polycarbonate filters (GE Healthcare, CA) and dried in a $60^\circ C$ oven
162 overnight for biogenic silica (BSi) analysis. The analysis method of POC/PON and POP

165 -20°C for 24 h for Chl *a* analysis. The Chl *a* concentration was then determined using the non-
166 acidification method on a 10-AUTM fluorometer (Turner Design, CA) (Fu et al., 2007).

167 **2.5 pH and dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) measurements**

168 pH was measured using a pH meter (Thermo Scientific, MA), calibrated with pH 7 and
169 10 buffer solutions. For DIC analyses, an aliquot of 25 mL was preserved with 200 µL 5% HgCl₂
170 and stored in the dark at 4°C until analysis. Total DIC was measured using a CM140 Total
171 Inorganic Carbon Analyzer (UIC Inc., IL). An aliquot of 5 mL sample was injected into the
172 sparging column of Acidification Unit CM5230 (UIC Inc., IL) followed by 2 ml 10% phosphoric
173 acid. By using flow rates controlled pure nitrogen as carrier gas, and the CO₂ released from the
174 DIC pool in the sample was quantified with a CM5015 CO₂ Coulometer (UIC Inc., IL) using
175 absolute coulometric titration. The carbonate buffer system was sampled for each of the triplicate
176 bottles in each treatment at the beginning and end of the experiments; reported values are final
177 ones. The *p*CO₂ in growth media was calculated using CO2SYS (Pierrot et al., 2006). These
178 carbonate system measurements are shown in Table 1, along with the corresponding calculated
179 *p*CO₂ values calculated. Kinetic parameters were calculated using the individual calculated *p*CO₂
180 values for each replicate (see above), but for convenience, the CO₂ treatments are referred to in
181 the text using the mean value of all experimental bottles, rounded to the nearest 5 ppm: these
182 values are 100 ppm, 205 ppm, 260 ppm, 425 ppm, 755 ppm, and 1730 ppm.

183 **2.6 Statistical analysis**

184 All statistical analyses and model fitting, including student t-tests, ANOVA, Tukey's
185 HSD test, two-way ANOVA, and thermal reaction norms estimation were conducted using the
186 open source statistical software R version 3.1.2 (R Foundation).

187 **3 Results**

188 **3.1 Temperature effects on growth rates**

189 Temperature increase significantly affected the growth rates of both *P. antarctica* and *P.*

192 0.05) (Fig. 1). The growth rates of *P. antarctica* significantly increased from 0°C to 2°C, and
193 plateaued at 4°C and 6°C, and then significantly decreased from 6°C to 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 1).
194 *P. antarctica* and *P. subcurvata* stopped growing at 10°C and 14°C, respectively (Fig. 1A). The
195 specific growth rates of *P. subcurvata* were not significantly different from those of *P. antarctica*
196 at 0°C, 2°C and 4°C, but became significantly higher than *P. antarctica* at 6°C, and remained
197 significantly higher than *P. antarctica* through 8°C and 10°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 1A). The optimum
198 temperatures for growth of *P. antarctica* and *P. subcurvata* were 4.85°C and 7.36°C,
199 respectively, both well above the current temperature in the Ross Sea, Antarctica (Table 2). In
200 addition, the estimated temperature niche width of *P. subcurvata* (-2°C – 12.19°C) is wider than
201 that of *P. antarctica* (-2.0°C to 9.52°C) (Table 2); calculated minimum temperatures estimated
202 from the thermal niche width equation were less than -2.0°, the freezing point of seawater, and so
203 growth is assumed to terminate at -2.0°. The Q10 value of the growth rate of *P. antarctica* from
204 0°C to 4°C is 2.11, which is lower than the Q10 values 3.17 for *P. subcurvata* over the same
205 temperature interval ($p < 0.05$) (Table 2).

206 **3.2 Temperature effects on elemental composition**

207 The C: N and N: P ratios of *P. subcurvata* were unaffected by changing temperature (Fig.
208 2A, B), but the C: P, C: Si, and C: Chl *a* ratios of this species were significantly affected ($p <$
209 0.05) (Fig. 2C, D, Fig. 3). The C: P ratios of *P. subcurvata* were slightly but significantly lower
210 in the middle of the tested temperature range. They were higher at 8°C and 10°C than at 2°C,
211 4°C, and 6°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 2C), and also significantly higher at 10°C than at 0°C (Fig. 2C).
212 The C: Si ratios of *P. subcurvata* showed a similar pattern of slightly lower values at mid-range
213 temperatures; at 0°C and 2°C they were significantly higher than at 6°C and 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig.
214 2D), and significantly higher at 2°C and 10°C than at 4°C and 8°C, respectively (Fig. 2D). The
215 C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. subcurvata* also showed this trend of somewhat lower values in the middle
216 of the thermal gradient. At 0°C, 8°C and 10°C, C: Chl *a* ratios were significantly higher than at

218 The C: N, N: P, C: P, and C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. antarctica* were not significantly different
219 across the temperature range (Fig. 2A, B, C, Fig. 3). The N: P ratios of *P. antarctica* were
220 significantly higher than those of *P. subcurvata* at 2°C, 6°C, and 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 2B).
221 Additionally, the C: P ratios of *P. antarctica* were significantly higher than those of *P.*
222 *subcurvata* at 6°C and 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 2C), and the C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. antarctica* were
223 significantly higher than values of *P. subcurvata* at all the temperatures tested ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 3).

224 Temperature change significantly affected the cellular carbon (C) quotas, cellular
225 nitrogen (N) quotas, cellular phosphorus (P) quotas, cellular silica (Si) quotas, and cellular Chl *a*
226 quotas of *P. subcurvata* ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3). The cellular C and N quotas of *P. subcurvata* were
227 significantly higher at 8°C than at 0°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3), the cellular P quotas of *P.*
228 *subcurvata* were significantly higher at 4°C than at 0°C, 2°C, and 10°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3), and
229 the cellular Si quotas of *P. subcurvata* were significantly higher at 8°C than at 0°C and 2°C. Si
230 quotas were also significantly higher at 4°C and 6°C than at 0°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3). The
231 extreme temperatures significantly decreased the cellular Chl *a* quotas of *P. subcurvata*, as the
232 cellular Chl *a* quotas of this species were significantly higher at 4°C, 6°C, and 8°C than at 0°C
233 and 10°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3).

234 Temperature change significantly affected the cellular P quotas and cellular Chl *a* quotas
235 of *P. antarctica* ($p < 0.05$), but not the cellular C and N quotas ($p > 0.05$) (Table 3). The cellular
236 P quotas of *P. antarctica* were significantly higher at 0°C than at 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3), and
237 the Chl *a* quotas of the prymnesiophyte were significantly lower at 8°C than at 0°C, 2°C, and
238 6°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 3).

239 **3.3 Co-incubation at two temperatures**

240 A warmer temperature favored the dominance of *P. subcurvata* over *P. antarctica* in the
241 model community experiment. Although *P. subcurvata* increased its abundance relative to the
242 prymnesiophyte at both temperatures by day 6, this increase was larger and happened much

245 The carbonate system was relatively stable across the range of CO₂ levels during the
246 course of the experiment (Table 1). CO₂ concentration significantly affected the growth rates of
247 *P. subcurvata* at both temperatures (Fig. 5). The growth rates of the diatom at 2°C increased
248 steadily with CO₂ concentration increase from 205 ppm to 425 ppm ($p < 0.05$), but were
249 saturated at 755 ppm and 1730 ppm (Fig. 5A). Similarly, the growth rates of *P. subcurvata* at
250 8°C increased with CO₂ concentration increase from 205 ppm to 260 ppm ($p < 0.05$), and were
251 saturated at 425 ppm, 755 ppm and 1730 ppm (Fig. 5B). The growth rates of the diatom at all
252 CO₂ concentrations tested at 8°C were significantly higher than at 2°C ($p < 0.05$); for instance,
253 the maximum growth rate of *P. subcurvata* at 8°C was 0.88 d⁻¹, significantly higher than the
254 value of 0.60 d⁻¹ at 2°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 4). In addition, the *p*CO₂ half saturation constant (K_m)
255 of *P. subcurvata* at 8°C was 10.7 ppm, significantly lower than 66.0 ppm at 2°C ($p < 0.05$)
256 (Table 4). Thus, temperature and CO₂ concentration increase interactively increased the growth
257 rates of *P. subcurvata* ($p < 0.05$).

258 CO₂ concentration also significantly affected the growth rates of *P. antarctica*
259 at both 2°C and 8°C. The growth rates of the prymnesiophyte at both 2°C and 8°C increased with
260 CO₂ concentration increase from 100 ppm to 260 ppm ($p < 0.05$), and were saturated at 425 ppm
261 and 755 ppm (Fig. 5C, D). The growth rates of *P. antarctica* at 2°C decreased slightly at 1730
262 ppm relative to 425 ppm and 755 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 5C). The maximum growth rate of *P.*
263 *antarctica* at 8°C was 0.43 d⁻¹, significantly lower than the value of 0.61 d⁻¹ at 2°C ($p < 0.05$)
264 (Table 4). The *p*CO₂ half saturation constants of *P. antarctica* at 2°C and 8°C were not
265 significantly different (Table 4), and thus no interactive effect of temperature and CO₂ was
266 observed on the growth rate of the prymnesiophyte ($p > 0.05$).

267 **3.5 CO₂ effects on elemental composition at two temperatures**

268 CO₂ concentration variation didn't affect the C: N, N: P, or C: P ratios of *P. subcurvata* at
269 either 2°C or 8°C. The C: Si ratios of *P. subcurvata* were significantly higher at 1730 ppm

272 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). The C: P ratios of *P. subcurvata* at 8°C were significantly higher than
273 at 2°C at all the CO₂ levels tested ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). The C: Si ratios of *P. subcurvata* at CO₂
274 levels lower than 755 ppm at 8°C were significantly lower than at 2°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). The
275 higher temperature also significantly increased the C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. subcurvata* at all the CO₂
276 levels tested ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). Additionally, the temperature increase and CO₂ concentration
277 increase interactively decreased the C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. subcurvata* ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5).

278 The CO₂ concentration increase did not affect the C: N, N: P, and C: P ratios of *P.*
279 *antarctica* at either 2°C or 8°C. The carbon to Chl *a* ratios of *P. antarctica* were significantly
280 higher at 1730 ppm than at all lower CO₂ concentrations at 2°C. Similarly, at 8°C the carbon to
281 Chl *a* ratios of this species also were significantly higher at 425 ppm, 755 ppm, and 1730 ppm
282 than at lower CO₂ concentrations ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5), and significantly higher at 1730 ppm than
283 at 425 ppm and 755 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5).

284 The warmer temperature significantly decreased the C: N ratios of *P. antarctica* at 260
285 ppm and 755 ppm CO₂ ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5), and C: P ratios also decreased at 100 ppm and 205
286 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). The C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. antarctica* at CO₂ levels higher than 205 ppm
287 were significantly higher at 8°C relative to 2°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 5). Temperature and CO₂
288 concentration increase interactively increased the C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. antarctica* ($p < 0.05$)
289 (Table 5).

290 The CO₂ concentration increase didn't affect the cellular C, N, P, or Si quotas of *P.*
291 *subcurvata* at 2°C, or the C quotas and N quotas at 8°C. The Si quotas of *P. subcurvata* were
292 significantly lower at 1730 ppm CO₂ than at 100 ppm and 205 ppm at 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6).
293 The cellular Chl *a* quotas of *P. subcurvata* were significantly lower at 8°C relative to 2°C at CO₂
294 higher than 205 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6). The temperature increase significantly increased the
295 cellular Si quota of *P. subcurvata* at all the CO₂ levels tested except 1730 ppm ($p < 0.05$) (Table
296 6). Additionally, warming and CO₂ concentration interactively decreased the cellular Si quotas of

298 The C, N, and P quotas of *P. antarctica* were not affected by CO₂ increase at 2°C, and N
299 and P quotas were not affected by CO₂ increase at 8°C, either. However, the C quota of *P.*
300 *antarctica* at 1730 ppm CO₂ was significantly higher than CO₂ levels lower than 755 ppm at 8°C
301 ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6). The Chl *a* per cell of *P. antarctica* at 1730 ppm CO₂ was significantly less
302 than at lower CO₂ levels at both 2°C and 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6). For *P. antarctica*, the Chl *a*
303 per cell values at 100 ppm, 205 ppm, and 755 ppm CO₂ at 8°C were significantly lower relative
304 to 2°C ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6). Temperature increase and CO₂ concentration increase interactively
305 increased the C and N quotas of *P. antarctica* ($p < 0.05$) (Table 6).

306 **4 Discussion**

307 As has been documented in previous work, the diatom *P. subcurvata* and the
308 prymnesiophyte *P. antarctica* responded differently to warming (Xu et al., 2014; Zhu et al.
309 2016). In the Ross Sea as elsewhere, temperature determines both phytoplankton maximum
310 growth rates (Bissinger et al., 2008) and the upper limit of growth (Smith, 1990) in a species-
311 specific manner. Thermal functional responses curves of phytoplankton typically increase in a
312 normally distributed pattern, with growth rates increasing up to the optimum temperature range,
313 and then declining when temperature reaches inhibitory levels (Boyd et al., 2013; Fu et al., 2014;
314 Xu et al., 2014; Hutchins and Fu, 2017). Specific growth rates of *P. subcurvata* reached optimal
315 levels at 8°C, demonstrating that this species grows fastest at temperatures substantially above
316 any temperatures found in the present-day Ross Sea. In contrast, growth rates of *P. antarctica*
317 saturated at 2°C. Zhu et al. (2016) found that 4°C warming significantly promoted the growth
318 rates of *P. subcurvata* but not *P. antarctica*. Xu et al. (2014) found that the growth rates of
319 another strain of *P. antarctica* (CCMP3314) decreased in a multi-variable “year 2100 cluster”
320 condition (6°C, 81 Pa CO₂, 150 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) relative to the “current condition” (2°C,
321 39 Pa CO₂, and 50 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and the “year 2060 condition” (4°C, 61 Pa CO₂, and
322 100 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$). In our study, the Q10 value of *P. subcurvata* from 0°C to 4°C was

325 al. (2016). Our results showed that the maximal thermal limit of *P. antarctica* was reached at
326 10°C, as was also observed by Buma et al. (1991), while *P. subcurvata* did not cease to grow
327 until 14°C. Clearly, *P. subcurvata* has a superior tolerance to higher temperature compared to *P.*
328 *antarctica*.

329 The co-incubation experiment with *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* at 0°C and 6°C
330 confirmed that the diatom retained its growth advantage at the higher temperature when growing
331 together with *P. antarctica*. Although we do not know what role (if any) competition for
332 resources like nutrients may have played in determining the outcome of this experiment, it did
333 demonstrate clearly that thermal growth response trends in simple model communities are
334 consistent with those seen in unialgal cultures. Xu et al. (2014) observed that the diatom
335 *Fragilariopsis cylindrus* was dominant over *P. antarctica* under “year 2060 conditions” (4°C, 61
336 Pa CO₂, and 100 μmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹). These experiments support the results of a Ross Sea
337 field survey which suggested that water temperature structured the phytoplankton assemblage
338 (Liu and Smith, 2012), and may shed light on why *P. antarctica* is often dominant in cooler
339 waters in the springtime, while diatoms often dominate in summer (DiTullio and Smith, 1996;
340 Arrigo et al., 1999; DiTullio et al., 2000; Liu and Smith, 2012).

341 Besides temperature, mixed layer depth and irradiance also likely play a role in the
342 competition between diatoms and *P. antarctica* (Arrigo et al., 1999; Arrigo et al., 2010, Smith
343 and Jones 2015). Arrigo et al. (1999) observed that *P. antarctica* dominated the southern Ross
344 Sea region with deeper mixed layers, while diatom dominated the regions with shallower mixed
345 layer depths. The niches of these two groups of phytoplankton are difficult to define by either
346 light or by temperature, since shallow surface stratification tends to promote both solar heating
347 and high irradiance, while deep mixing often lowers both light and temperatures. It is worth
348 considering whether these two phytoplankton groups are each best adapted to a different
349 environmental matrix of both variables. This concept of different light/temperature niches for

351 Temperature change affected the C: P, N: P and C: Si ratios of *P. subcurvata*, due to the
352 combined effects of the different responses of cellular C, P, and Si quotas. The C: P and N:P
353 ratios of *P. subcurvata* increased at the two highest temperatures tested. This might be due to an
354 increase in protein translation efficiency and a corresponding decrease in phosphate-rich
355 ribosomes with warming, which can result in a decreased cellular P requirement per unit of
356 carbon in marine phytoplankton (Toseland et al., 2013). Similarly lowered P quotas at higher
357 temperatures have been documented in other studies as well (Xu et al., 2014; Boyd et al., 2015;
358 Hutchins and Boyd, 2016). This result suggests that the amount of carbon exported per unit
359 phosphorus by *P. subcurvata* (and perhaps other diatoms) in the Ross Sea may increase as
360 temperature increases in the future (Toseland et al., 2013).

361 In contrast, the decreasing trend of C: Si ratios in *P. subcurvata* appears to be largely due
362 to higher cellular Si quotas at temperatures at and above 4°C. Although the physiological
363 reason(s) for increased silicification with warming are currently not understood, this trend also
364 may have biogeochemical consequences. This decrease of cellular C: Si ratios at higher
365 temperature may tend to enhance Si export, with the qualification that biogenic Si
366 remineralization rates also increase with temperature (Ragueneau et al. 2000), and thus could
367 potentially offset this trend.

368 Previous studies have shown that nutrient drawdown by diatoms and *P. antarctica* are
369 different, due to differing elemental ratios of these two groups (Arrigo et al., 1999; Smith et al.,
370 2014a; Xu et al., 2014). Our results generally corresponded to this trend, as the N: P ratios of *P.*
371 *antarctica* were higher than *P. subcurvata* at 2°C, 6°C and 8°C and C: P ratios of *P. antarctica*
372 were higher than *P. subcurvata* at 6°C and 8°C ($p < 0.05$) (Fig. 2). Although elemental ratios of
373 the prymnesiophyte were largely unaffected by temperature, a predicted increase of diatom and
374 decrease of *P. antarctica* contributions to phytoplankton production caused by warming will
375 likely change nutrient export ratios (Smith et al., 2014a, b). It is possible that N and C export per

378 Our results showed that the growth rates of both *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica*
379 exhibited moderate limitation by CO₂ levels lower than ~425 ppm at both 2°C and 8°C; this
380 observation is significant, since during the intense Ross Sea summertime phytoplankton bloom
381 pCO₂ can sometimes drop to very low levels (Tagliabue and Arrigo, 2016). However, at CO₂
382 concentrations beyond current atmospheric levels of ~400 ppm, growth rates of *P. subcurvata* or
383 *P. antarctica* were CO₂-saturated. Although a general model prediction suggests that an
384 atmospheric CO₂ increase from current levels to 700 ppm could increase the growth of marine
385 phytoplankton by 40% (Schippers et al., 2004), our results instead correspond to previous studies
386 which showed negligible effects of elevated CO₂ on various groups of phytoplankton (Goldman,
387 1999; Fu et al., 2007; Hutchins and Fu 2017). In particular, Trimborn et al. (2013) found that
388 increasing CO₂ had no effect on growth rates of Southern Ocean isolates of *P. subcurvata* and *P.*
389 *antarctica*. The minimal effects of changing CO₂ levels on many phytoplankton groups have
390 been suggested to be due to efficient carbon concentrating mechanisms (CCMs) that allow them
391 to avoid CO₂ limitation at low pCO₂ levels (Burkhardt et al., 2001; Fu et al., 2007; Tortell et al.,
392 2008). For instance, both *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* have been shown to strongly
393 downregulate activity of the important CCM enzyme carbonic anhydrase as CO₂ increases
394 (Trimborn et al. 2013). Clearly, though, for our two species their CCM activity was not sufficient
395 to completely compensate for carbon limitation at low pCO₂ levels. Although speculative, it is
396 possible that *P. antarctica* could have an ability to subsidize growth at very low CO₂ levels
397 through oxidation of organic carbon from the colony mucilage. Our results also showed that
398 very high CO₂ (1730 ppm) significantly reduced the growth rate of *P. antarctica* relative to 425
399 ppm and 755 ppm at 2°C; negative effects of high CO₂ on an Antarctic microbial community
400 were also observed by Davidson et al. (2016). This inhibitory effect might be due to the
401 significantly lower pH at 1730 ppm (~7.4), which could entail expenditures of additional energy
402 to maintain pH homeostasis within cells.

405 growth was much lower at the warmer temperature. In contrast, warming decreased the maximal
406 growth rates of *P. antarctica* over the range of CO₂ concentrations tested, and failed to change its
407 K_{1/2} for growth. The decreased CO₂ K_{1/2} of *P. subcurvata* at high temperature might confer a
408 future additional competitive advantage over *P. antarctica* in the late growing season when pCO₂
409 can be low (Tagliabue and Arrigo, 2016) and temperatures higher, although temperatures are
410 generally never as high as 8°C in the current Ross Sea (Liu and Smith, 2012). The CO₂ K_{1/2} of *P.*
411 *antarctica* at 2°C was however significantly lower than that of *P. subcurvata* at this temperature,
412 which may be advantageous to the prymnesiophyte when water temperatures are low in the
413 spring.

414 The effects of pCO₂ variation on the elemental ratios of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica*
415 were minimal relative to those of temperature increase. Previous research on the effects of CO₂
416 on the elemental ratios of phytoplankton has shown that the elemental composition of
417 phytoplankton may change with CO₂ availability (Burkhardt et al., 1999; Fu et al., 2007, 2008;
418 Tew et al., 2014; reviewed in Hutchins et al., 2009). Hoogstraten et al. (2012) found that CO₂
419 concentration change didn't change the cellular POC, PON, C: N ratios, or POC to Chl *a* ratios
420 of the temperate species *Phaeocystis globosa*. In contrast, Reinfelder (2014) observed that the N
421 and P quotas of several diatoms decreased with increasing CO₂ and led to increased C: N, N: P,
422 and C: P ratios. King et al. (2015) found that high CO₂ could increase, decrease or not affect the
423 C: P and N: P ratios of several different phytoplankton species. Our results resemble those of
424 studies with other phytoplankton that found that the effects of CO₂ concentration can be
425 negligible on C: N, N: P, or C: P ratios (Fu et al., 2007; Hutchins et al., 2009; Hoogstraten et al.,
426 2012; King et al., 2015).

427 In contrast to C: N: P ratios, we observed that the C: Si ratios of *P. subcurvata* were
428 significantly higher at 1730 ppm compared to almost all of the lower CO₂ levels. This increase in
429 C: Si ratios was due to a decrease in cellular Si quotas at 1730 ppm CO₂. Milligan et al. (2004)

432 toxic diatom *Pseudo-nitzschia fraudulenta*, in which cellular C: Si ratios were higher at 765 ppm
433 than at 200 ppm CO₂. This suggests that future increases in diatom silicification at elevated
434 pCO₂ could partially or wholly offset the decreased silicification and higher dissolution rates of
435 silica observed at warmer temperatures (above); to fully predict net trends, further interactive
436 experiments focusing on silicification as a function across a range of both temperature and pCO₂
437 are needed.

438 In conclusion, our results indicate that *P. subcurvata* from the Ross Sea are better adapted
439 to higher temperature than is *P. antarctica*. Diatoms are a diverse group, but if their general
440 thermal response is similar to that of this *Pseudo-nitzschia* species, they may thrive under future
441 global warming scenarios while the relative dominance of *P. antarctica* in this region may wane.
442 In contrast, another recent study has suggested that warming might indirectly favor *P. antarctica*
443 springtime dominance by leading to large areas of open water at a time when incident light
444 penetration is low and mixed layers are still relatively deep (Ryan-Keogh et al. 2017). Because
445 of the differences in elemental ratios in the two groups, ecological shifts that favor diatoms may
446 significantly increase the export of phosphorus and silicon relative to carbon and nitrogen, while
447 increased *P. antarctica* dominance will increase carbon export relative to nutrient fluxes, as well
448 as enhancing the organic sulfur cycle. Our conclusions must be qualified as they were obtained
449 using Fe-replete culture conditions, similar to conditions often found early in the growing season
450 in McMurdo Sound. However, Fe limitation generally prevails later in the season here, and
451 elsewhere in the offshore Ross Sea. Irradiance is an additional key environmental factor to
452 consider in both the present and future in this region (Smith and Jones, 2015). Thus, in addition
453 to warming and CO₂ increases, the interactive effects of light and Fe with these two factors
454 should also be considered (Xu et al., 2014; Boyd et al., 2015; Hutchins and Boyd 2016; Hutchins
455 and Fu 2017). Considering the differences between the responses of the diatom and *P. antarctica*
456 to warming and ocean acidification seen here, as well to warming and Fe in previous work (Zhu

458 production in the Ross Sea polynya may need to realistically incorporate a complex network of
459 interacting global change variables.

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662 Table 1. The measured pH and dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC), and calculated $p\text{CO}_2$ of *P. subcurvata*
 663 and *P. antarctica* at 2°C and 8°C in each treatment. Values represent the means and errors are the
 664 standard deviations of triplicate bottles.

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	<i>P. subcurvata</i>		<i>P. antarctica</i>	
	2°C	8°C	2°C	8°C
pH				
	8.36±0.04	8.51±0.04	8.40±0.03	8.45±0.03
	8.25±0.04	8.36±0.01	8.22±0.04	8.29±0.01
	8.07±0.01	8.17±0.01	8.09±0.02	8.14±0.00
	7.86±0.02	7.99±0.01	7.85±0.01	7.94±0.00
	7.68±0.01	7.79±0.02	7.65±0.01	7.75±0.00
	7.35±0.01	7.46±0.02	7.34±0.01	7.45±0.00
DIC (µmol/kg)				
	1890.1±26.6	1846.5±15.8	1847.1±30.0	1831.1±22.7
	2049.1±10.8	1985.7±2.1	2033.9±15.0	2014.2±19.9
	2131.3±9.4	2067.5±4.7	2136.6±5.6	2085.3±15.3
	2190.4±2.8	2156.1±13.9	2168.1±12.4	2167.4±21.5
	2260.0±22.2	2234.8±10.3	2252.1±11.5	2238.7±12.0
	2340.1±19.4	2334.5±18.8	2338.2±12.1	2323.7±11.5
$p\text{CO}_2$ (ppm)				
	109.1±9.3	94.4±10.1	96.6±9.5	108.8±8.8
	158.6±15.5	150.3±3.6	171.2±14.4	183.6±4.2
	263.1±5.9	254.2±9.9	246.4±9.9	280.3±0.6
	450.2±17.3	414.9±12.0	462.2±12.1	480.9±4.7
	740.9±10.6	708.8±23.5	786.9±10.3	784.1±4.8
	1751.2±35.9	1675.3±49.4	1769.9±59.5	1720.3±18.3

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669 Table 2. Statistical comparison of the results for each of the three thermal traits: Optimum temperature
670 (°C), Maximum growth rate (d⁻¹) and temperature niche width (W)* of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica*.
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Species	Optimum temperature (°C)	Maximum growth rates (d ⁻¹)	W upper CI	W lower CI	Q ₁₀
<i>P. subcurvata</i>	7.36	0.86	12.19	< -2.0	3.17
<i>P. antarctica</i>	4.85	0.66	9.52	< -2.0	2.11

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673 * The statistical results for the lower bound of temperate niche width in both species were lower
674 than -2.0°C, the freezing point of seawater
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676 Table 3. The effects of temperature on the C quota (pmol cell⁻¹), N quota (pmol cell⁻¹), P quota (pmol
 677 cell⁻¹), Si quota (pmol cell⁻¹), and chl *a* per cell (pg cell⁻¹) of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica*. Values
 678 represent the means and errors are the standard deviations of triplicate bottles.

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	<i>P. subcurvata</i>	<i>P. antarctica</i>
C quota		
0°C	1.91±0.14	2.64±0.34
2°C	2.11±0.19	2.49±0.41
4°C	2.15±0.12	2.50±0.23
6°C	2.07±0.13	2.26±0.18
8°C	2.33±0.14	2.17±0.22
10°C	2.17±0.13	
N quota		
0°C	0.27±0.03	0.39±0.03
2°C	0.29±0.03	0.36±0.02
4°C	0.33±0.02	0.40±0.01
6°C	0.31±0.01	0.35±0.02
8°C	0.36±0.05	0.34±0.03
10°C	0.33±0.04	
P quota		
0°C	0.02±0.00	0.03±0.00
2°C	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00
4°C	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.01
6°C	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00
8°C	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00
10°C	0.02±0.00	
Si quota		
0°C	0.23±0.02	
2°C	0.23±0.06	
4°C	0.30±0.01	
6°C	0.30±0.03	
8°C	0.34±0.01	
10°C	0.28±0.04	
Chl <i>a</i> per cell (pg/cell)		
0°C	0.48±0.01	0.23±0.03
2°C	0.57±0.07	0.22±0.02
4°C	0.64±0.01	0.20±0.01
6°C	0.68±0.05	0.21±0.00
8°C	0.58±0.03	0.17±0.02
10°C	0.46±0.03	

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683 Table 4. Comparison of the curve fitting results for maximum growth rate (d^{-1}) and half saturation
684 constants (K_m), calculated from the CO_2 functional response curves of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* at
685 $2^\circ C$ and $8^\circ C$. Values represent the means and errors are the standard errors from fitting.

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Species	Maximum growth rates (d^{-1})	K_m
<i>P. subcurvata</i>		
$2^\circ C$	0.60 ± 0.18	66.4 ± 10.39
$8^\circ C$	0.88 ± 0.02	9.8 ± 5.34
<i>P. antarctica</i>		
$2^\circ C$	0.61 ± 0.02	26.4 ± 8.23
$8^\circ C$	0.41 ± 0.02	22.1 ± 11.15

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688 Table 5 The effects of CO₂ on the C: N, N: P, C: P, C: Si, and C: Chl *a* ratios of *P. subcurvata* and *P.*
689 *antarctica* at 2°C and 8°C. Values represent the means and errors are the standard deviations of triplicate
690 bottles.

	<i>P. subcurvata</i>		<i>P. antarctica</i>	
	2°C	8°C	2°C	8°C
C: N				
100 ppm	6.6±0.26	7.1±0.68	7.22±0.50	6.95±0.35
205 ppm	6.7±0.24	7.5±0.32	7.74±0.21	6.56±1.15
260 ppm	6.7±0.32	7.3±0.18	8.07±0.52	6.99±0.27
425 ppm	6.7±0.05	6.6±0.05	7.21±0.81	6.19±0.13
755 ppm	6.8±0.20	7.1±0.68	7.98±0.44	6.79±0.22
1730 ppm	7.1±0.82	7.4±1.07	8.15±0.48	7.05±0.91
N: P				
100 ppm	10.4±0.85	14.5±2.28	16.4±1.24	13.9±0.20
205 ppm	10.8±1.01	13.3±0.42	16.6±1.12	15.7±2.77
260 ppm	10.3±1.28	14.0±0.56	14.3±1.24	14.5±2.38
425 ppm	11.3±0.84	16.5±0.28	17.1±1.83	17.2±1.98
755 ppm	9.9±0.28	14.3±1.34	14.2±2.60	11.6±4.11
1730 ppm	10.4±1.02	15.5±1.84	15.5±0.56	15.1±1.85
C: P				
100 ppm	68.6±3.10	101.0±6.43	117.7±4.08	96.7±4.86
205 ppm	72.7±4.82	99.3±7.05	128.2±5.98	101.0±1.91
260 ppm	69.1±7.68	103.0±4.88	115.5±7.25	101.0±13.04
425 ppm	76.3±5.19	109.0±2.20	122.3±4.85	106.0±11.14
755 ppm	67.2±1.38	101.0±5.80	113.5±22.50	78.6±27.09
1730 ppm	73.4±1.22	114.0±5.99	126.2±12.10	105.0±6.26
C: Si				
100 ppm	7.8±0.80	5.6±0.32		
205 ppm	7.4±0.30	5.6±0.24		
260 ppm	7.3±0.23	6.1±0.38		
425 ppm	7.5±0.23	6.1±0.06		
755 ppm	7.4±0.66	6.3±0.36		
1730 ppm	8.0±0.88	7.1±0.47		
C: Chl <i>a</i> (µg/µg)				
100 ppm	43.6±1.14	70.7±5.01	160.4±6.68	197.4±29.35
205 ppm	45.2±2.91	67.3±4.42	157.5±4.95	194.0±17.14
260 ppm	41.6±3.31	60.1±9.45	138.3±15.19	169.8±9.20
425 ppm	37.2±2.58	72.5±2.35	180.2±20.10	232.4±20.47
755 ppm	42.2±3.62	68.7±6.29	167.5±5.06	282.5±15.30
1730 ppm	46.3±2.23	85.3±15.70	276.5±36.57	460.3±15.21

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698 Table 6 The effects of CO₂ on the C quota (pmol cell⁻¹), N quota (pmol cell⁻¹), P quota (pmol cell⁻¹), Si
699 quota (pmol cell⁻¹), and chl *a* per cell (pg cell⁻¹) of *P. subcurvata* and *P. antarctica* at 2°C and 8°C.
700 Values represent the means and errors are the standard deviations of triplicate bottles.

	<i>P. subcurvata</i>		<i>P. antarctica</i>	
	2°C	8°C	2°C	8°C
C quota				
100 ppm	2.0±0.15	2.64±0.06	2.57±0.03	2.15±0.22
205 ppm	2.1±0.12	2.67±0.31	2.72±0.28	2.35±0.19
260 ppm	1.9±0.04	2.28±0.18	2.51±0.36	2.21±0.04
425 ppm	1.8±0.04	2.43±0.15	2.31±0.05	2.28±0.46
755 ppm	2.1±0.09	2.26±0.05	2.47±0.17	2.81±0.15
1730 ppm	2.1±0.30	2.47±0.18	2.43±0.10	2.96±0.30
N quota				
100 ppm	0.30±0.03	0.38±0.04	0.36±0.03	0.31±0.03
205 ppm	0.30±0.03	0.36±0.03	0.35±0.03	0.36±0.06
260 ppm	0.29±0.01	0.31±0.02	0.31±0.06	0.32±0.02
425 ppm	0.27±0.01	0.37±0.06	0.32±0.03	0.37±0.05
755 ppm	0.30±0.02	0.32±0.03	0.31±0.03	0.41±0.01
1730 ppm	0.29±0.05	0.34±0.06	0.30±0.03	0.43±0.10
P quota				
100 ppm	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00
205 ppm	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00
260 ppm	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00
425 ppm	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.01
755 ppm	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.04±0.02
1730 ppm	0.03±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.02±0.00	0.03±0.00
Si quota				
100 ppm	0.26±0.02	0.47±0.04		
205 ppm	0.28±0.02	0.48±0.07		
260 ppm	0.27±0.01	0.37±0.03		
425 ppm	0.25±0.01	0.40±0.04		
755 ppm	0.28±0.03	0.36±0.03		
1730 ppm	0.26±0.01	0.35±0.05		
Chl <i>a</i> per cell (pg/cell)				
100 ppm	0.54±0.05	0.45±0.04	0.19±0.01	0.13±0.02
205 ppm	0.54±0.04	0.48±0.05	0.21±0.02	0.15±0.02
260 ppm	0.56±0.03	0.46±0.04	0.22±0.04	0.16±0.01
425 ppm	0.60±0.04	0.40±0.04	0.16±0.02	0.12±0.01
755 ppm	0.59±0.06	0.40±0.03	0.18±0.01	0.12±0.00
1730 ppm	0.53±0.06	0.35±0.05	0.11±0.02	0.08±0.01

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705 **Figure legends**

706 Fig. 1. Thermal functional response curves showing specific growth rates (and fitted curves) of
707 *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* and *Phaeocystis antarctica* across a range of temperatures from 0°C
708 to 14°C. Values represent the means and error bars represents the standard deviations of triplicate
709 samples.

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711 Fig. 2. The C: N ratios (A), N: P ratios (B), and C: P ratios (C) of *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata*
712 and *Phaeocystis antarctica* and (D) the C: Si ratios of *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* from the
713 thermal response curves shown in Fig. 1 for a range of temperatures from 0°C to 10°C. Values
714 represent the means and error bars represents the standard deviations of triplicate samples.

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716 Fig. 3. The C: Chl *a* ratios of *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* and *Phaeocystis antarctica* from the
717 thermal response curves shown in Fig. 1 for a range of temperatures from 0°C to 10°C. Values
718 represent the means and error bars represents the standard deviations of triplicate samples.

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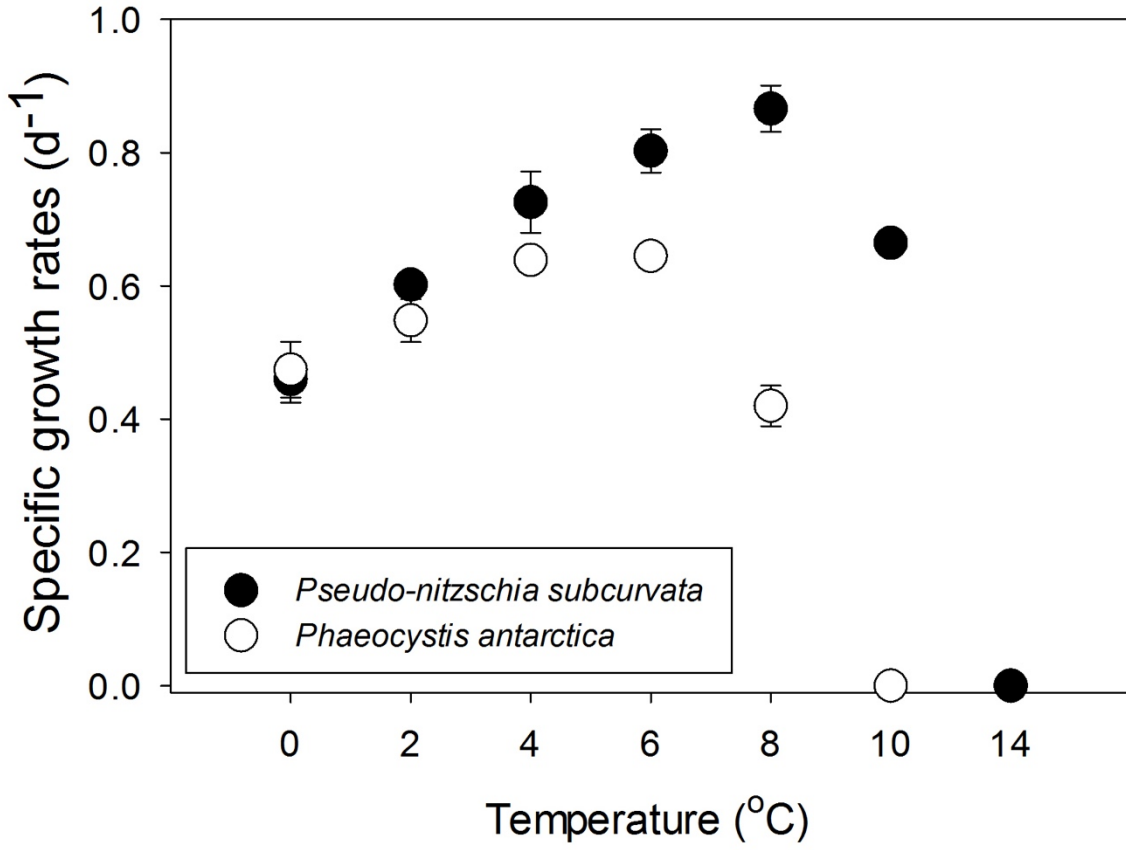
720 Fig. 4. The relative abundance of *Pseudo-nitzschia subcurvata* in a 6 day competition
721 experiment with *Phaeocystis antarctica* at 0°C and 6°C. The competition experiments were
722 started with equal Chl *a* concentrations for both species, and the relative abundance was
723 calculated based on cell counts. Values represent the means and error bars represents the
724 standard deviations of triplicate samples.

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726 Fig. 5. CO₂ functional response curves showing specific growth rates (and fitted curves) across a
727 range of CO₂ concentrations from ~100 ppm to ~1730 ppm at 2°C and at 8°C. *Pseudo-nitzschia*
728 *subcurvata* at 2°C (A) and 8°C (B) and *Phaeocystis antarctica* at 2°C (C) and 8°C (D). Values

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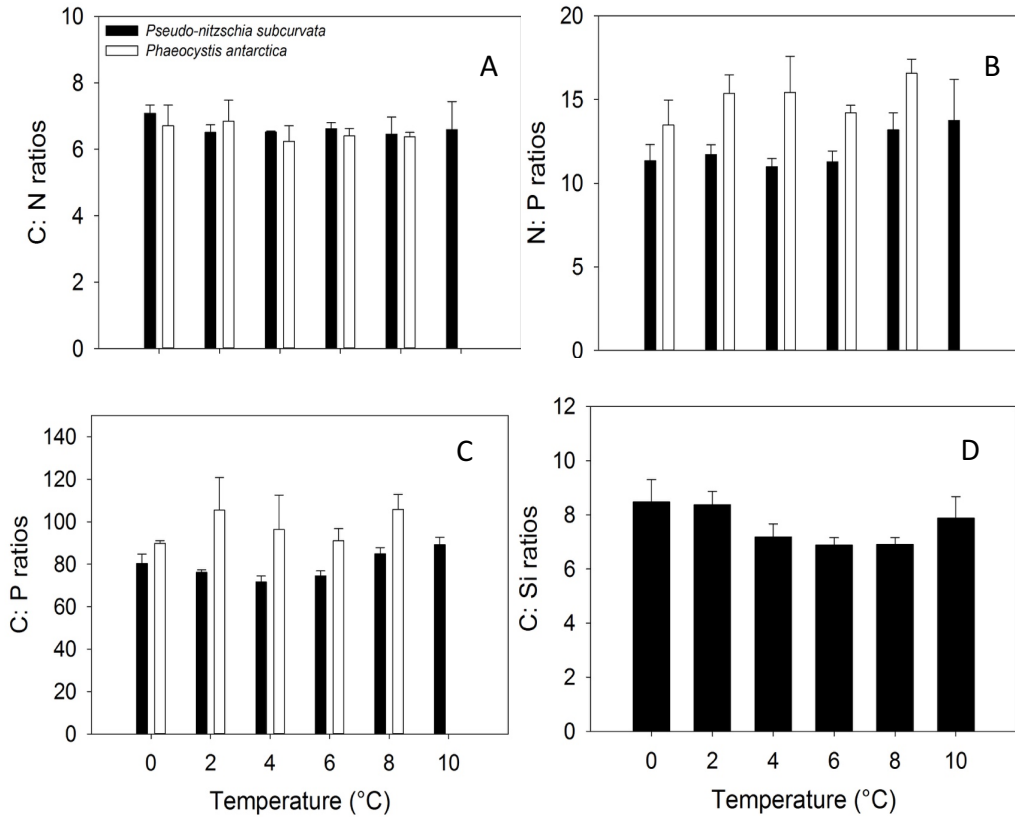
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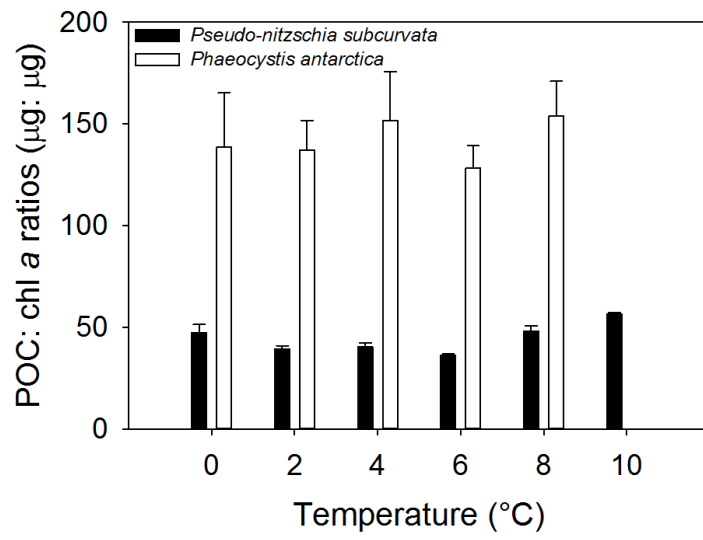
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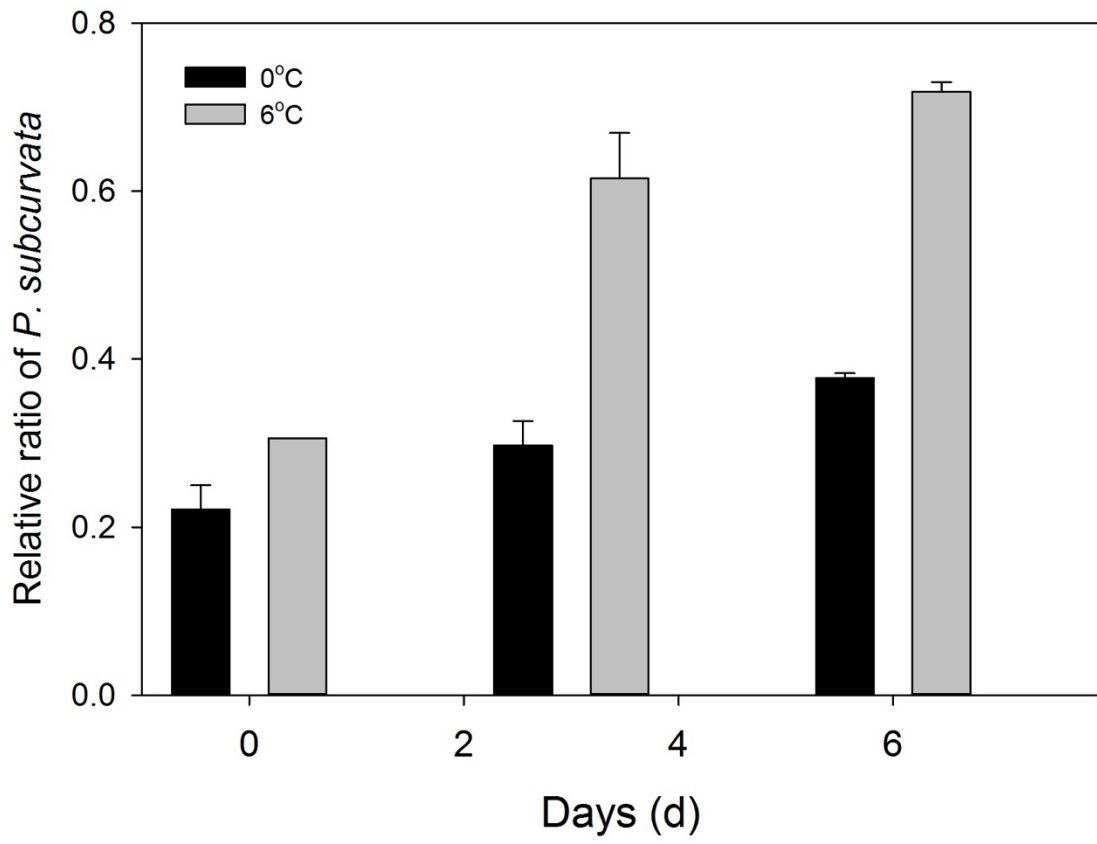
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